

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:  
BERNHARD BRINKHAUS

Serial No.: 10/517,606

Filed: December 21, 2004

Title: **SPINAL COLUMN SUPPORT  
SYSTEM**

Attorney's Docket No.: 04236



**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 17, 2008, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are found beginning on page 2 of this document'

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of the claims in this application which begin on page 5 of this submission.

**Remarks of counsel** are found beginning on page 9 of this Amendment.